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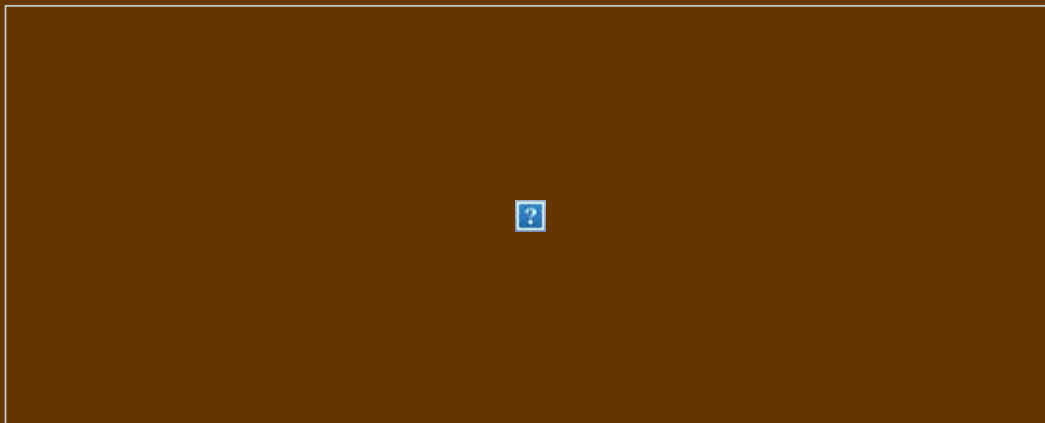


# What's Up Downtown

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## WHITNEY WHITE LINEN NIGHT | A CAC FUNDRAISER



Saturday, 6-11pm

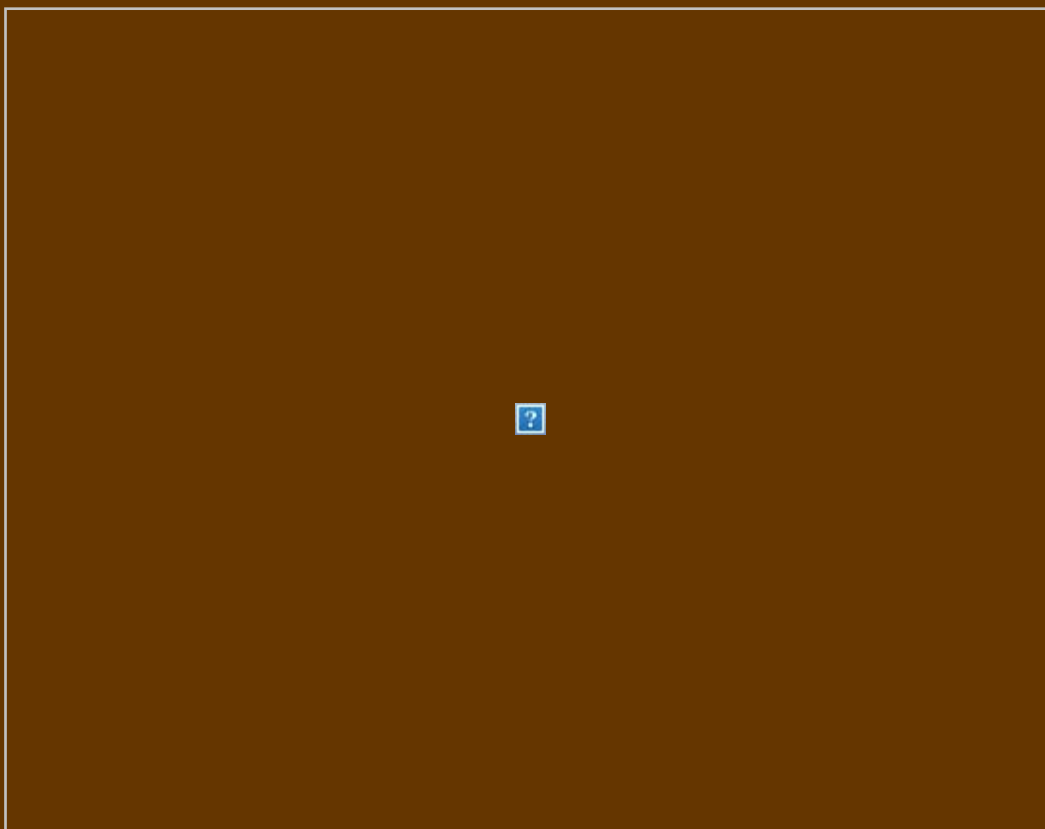
[The Contemporary Arts Center](#), New Orleans will hold the annual [Whitney White Linen Night](#) Saturday, from 6-11pm. Presented by Arts District New Orleans, the CAC fundraiser celebrates another

year with its annual block party, live music, cuisine and cocktails, and exhibition openings throughout the arts district.

Free Admission | 6-9pm

Julia Street (300-700 blocks)

## "Kelsey Montague: What Lifts You"



(Taylor Swift poses with wings)

Opening: [Whitney White Linen Night](#)

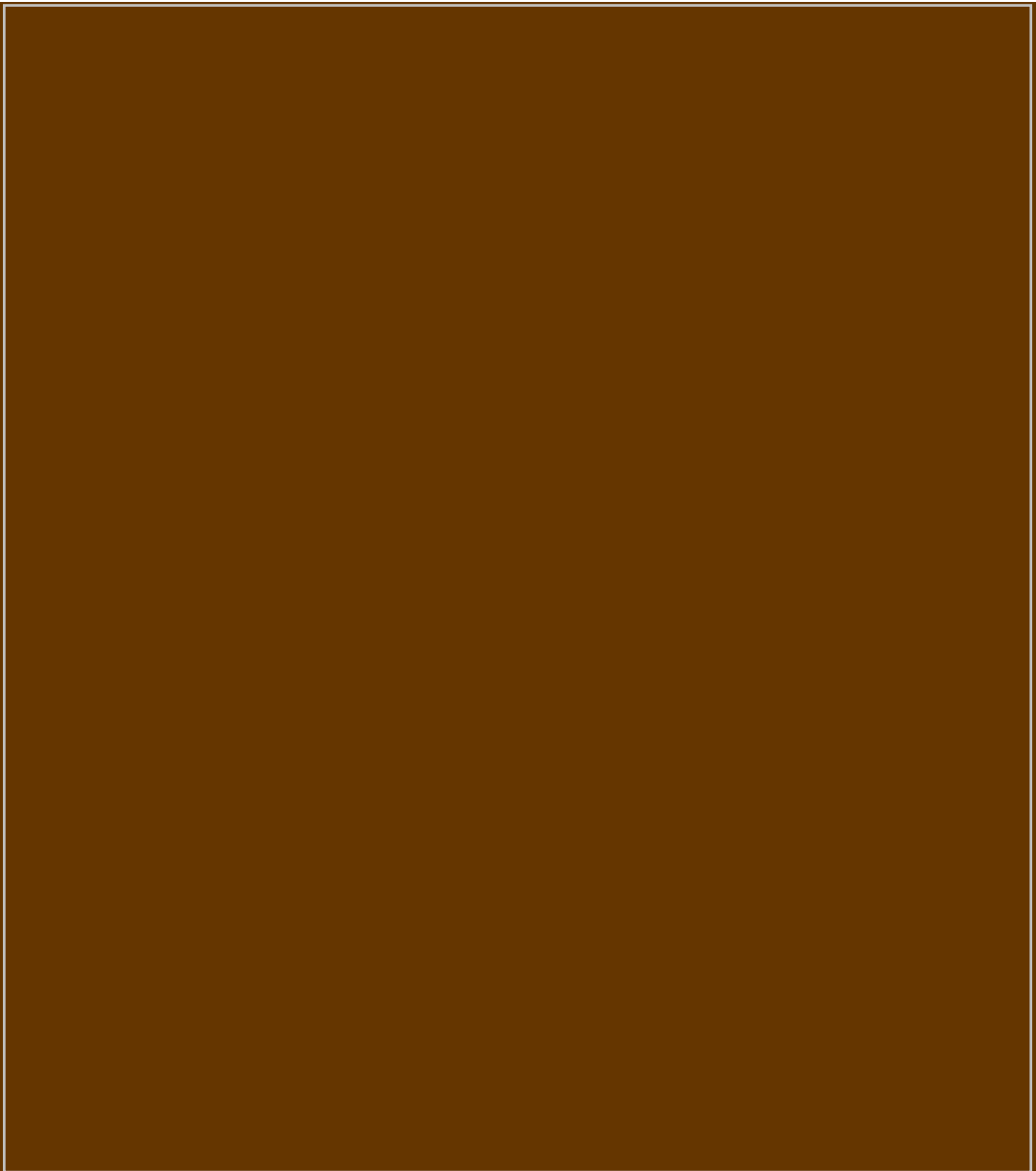
The [DDD](#) and [Pelican Bomb](#) present artist [Kelsey Montague](#) bringing her interactive "What Lifts You" mural campaign to New Orleans. The temporary mural will be on view for a limited time starting Saturday, August 1 at 750 Carondelet Street. The official unveiling of the piece is at 6:00pm.

Montague first entered the public eye after Taylor Swift posted a selfie in front of the artist's larger-than-life line drawing of wings in New York, turning Montague into an Internet sensation overnight.

Since then, Montague has traveled all over the world drawing her signature wings on walls from Las Vegas to New Zealand with customized details to reflect each place.

The wings in New Orleans celebrate the city's unique natural and cultural landscapes, incorporating images and patterns that will be familiar to any resident or visitor with Montague's distinctive vision. "What Lifts You" invites the people of New Orleans to take their photos in front of the wings and share the photos, along with what truly inspires them, on social media. The project explores the positive potentials of social media, public art, and personal motivation.

## **JOHN KENNEDY KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT DOWNTOWN NOLA AWARDS**



[State Treasurer John Kennedy](#) will serve as the keynote speaker at this year's Downtown NOLA Awards. Check out this year's six honorees to be celebrated at the luncheon on Friday, September 11 at the Astor Crowne Plaza located in Downtown New Orleans at 739 Canal Street. The luncheon will be held from Noon to 1:30 pm, with networking and cocktails before from 11:00 am to 11:45 am. [Click here](#) to view the honorees and to buy tickets.

**PARK(ing) DAY NOLA**



Submissions due Aug. 14

The [DDD](#) is holding an open call to artists, designers, architects, urban planners and any other local activists to submit design proposals to be constructed for New Orleans PARK(ing) Day. PARK(ing) Day is an annual, open-source global event where citizens, artists and activists collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spaces into "PARK(ing)" spaces: temporary public places.

These temporary public spaces are sponsored by local businesses and organizations which understand the importance of carving out space for public use in increasingly dense urban environments. Each park developer will be responsible for funding their project. Park(ing) Day seeks to encourage community interaction and livability. We hope PARK(ing) Day will cultivate the sense of civic pride, improve our city's local urban environment, incubate new urban programs, and evolve the way we think about the design and craft of urban place making.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## New Multi Story Office Building



401 St. Joseph

This newly redeveloped low-rise building is located in the popular Downtown Warehouse District. It dates back c. 1905 and was once the location for the Gulf Shot Tower Company and later became several meatpacking and cold storage facilities. Now it is an ideal place for creative and innovative companies wanting an impressive location with both old world charm and functional, open work space.

[Click here](#) for more information and to request a showing.

## CHEF TASTE CHALLENGE 2015



The [Farm to Table Chefs Taste Challenge](#) (CTC), scheduled for Friday, August 7 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, aims to broaden awareness for the use of fresh, healthy, sustainable ingredients in preparing food. Ten chefs from various geographical regions across the United States will compete to create the best dish that utilizes farm-fresh items from a pantry of seasonal ingredients donated by State Agricultural Departments.

The term "farm to table" indicates locally-sourced product, but this unique national competition will showcase what locavores are eating around the country. It's pineapples from Hawaii, seafood from the Gulf of Mexico or Yellow Squash from Texas, attendees will experience the best and freshest ingredients, all in a single dining event.

[Click here](#) for more information.

# The Idea Village Opens Applications for its 2016 Accelerator Programs



The Idea Village is now accepting applications for the 2016 Entrepreneur Season accelerators. Founders looking to scale their ventures in New Orleans are invited to apply for three intensive programs at [www.ideavillage.org](http://www.ideavillage.org).

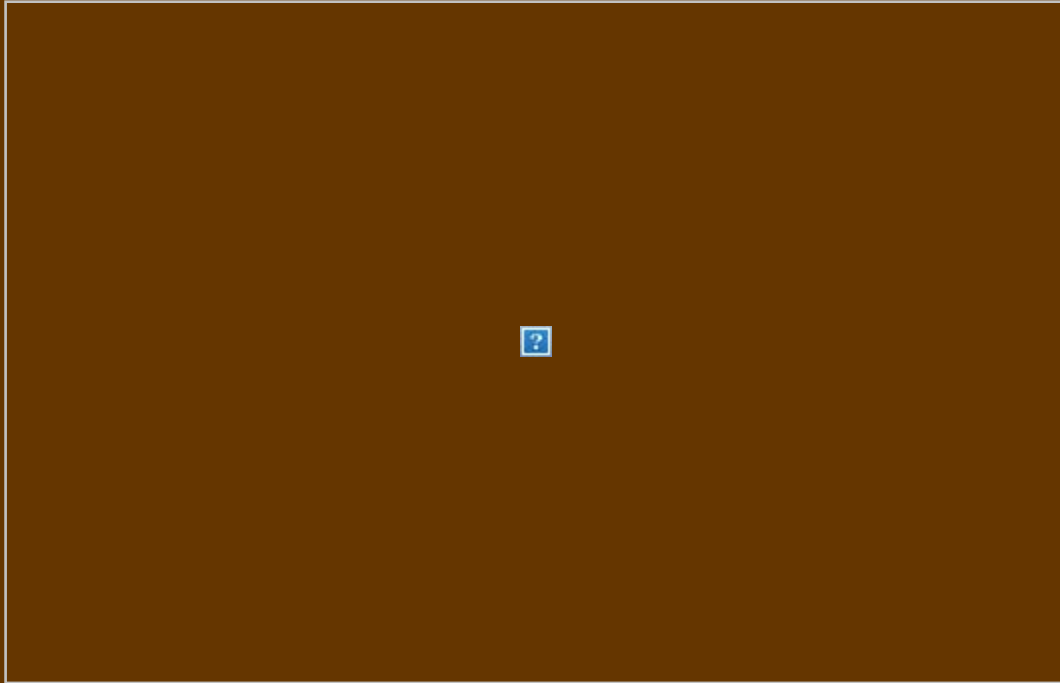
Applications for IDEAx and DIGITAL MEDIAx will close at 11:59pm CT on Saturday, August 22, and applications for ENERGYx will close at 11:59pm CT on Friday, September 4th.

Each program provides access to dedicated Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIRs) as well as The Idea Village's influential network of mentors and experts to ensure that participating entrepreneurs have the resources necessary to accelerate the growth of their ventures and develop the skills required to emerge as entrepreneurial leaders.

The Idea Village's accelerator programs are highly competitive in an effort to identify the most capable entrepreneurs. Of the 180 entrepreneurs that have gone through an accelerator, 83% are still in business and 91% are still located in New Orleans. Collectively, these entrepreneurs have raised over \$75 million in private capital, created over 1,300 jobs, and generate \$155 million in annual

revenue.

## **Bombay Sapphire© Artisan Series 2015 Artist Submissions Open**



[LeMieux Galleries](#) has announced that submissions are now open to New Orleans artists for the Bombay Sapphire© Artisan Series 2015. Bombay Sapphire© Gin, along with Danny and Russell Simmons Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation, is once again giving emerging artists the opportunity to share their art with the world. One winner from New Orleans will compete against other regional winners at SCOPE Miami Beach in December 2015. The top three winners at SCOPE Miami Beach will be invited to participate in the Bombay Sapphire© Artisan Series Mural Project, creating murals in their communities. The grand prize winner will receive a solo show at SCOPE New York in March 2016.

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Downtown organizations may register and add their company and/or event to the site for free. [Click here](#) to begin your post.

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## **Canal Street Track Installation to Affect Traffic Patterns**



**HAPPENING NOW** - Installation of the Half Grand Union, a special section of track that will connect the new North Rampart line to the Canal Street and UPT-Loyola lines. Construction will be a 24-hour, seven-day operation for approximately 30 days.

[Click here](#) for a list of the impacted areas.

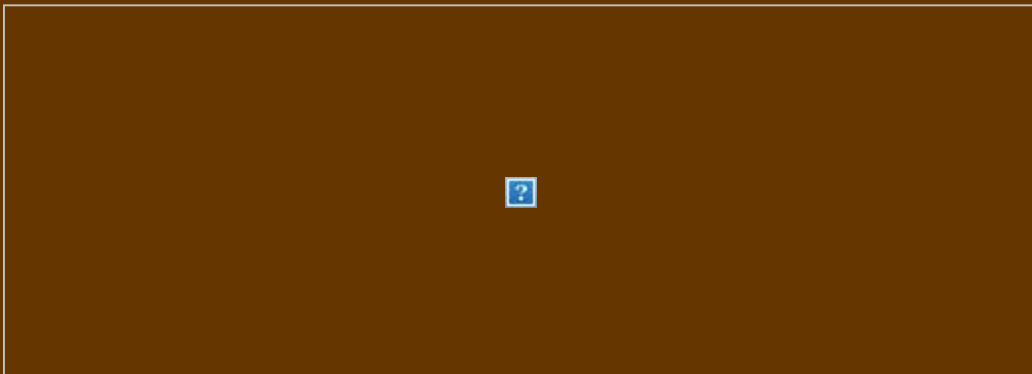
## TRAFFIC COORDINATION MAP



View Areas Impacted by Construction

City of New Orleans Department of Public Works has traffic coordination maps for the major portions of the City that are currently being impacted by construction including Downtown New Orleans. Visit [www.nola.gov/dpw/traffic-coordination](http://www.nola.gov/dpw/traffic-coordination) to view them. The maps are updated every 2 weeks.

## SAFECAMNOLA.COM



Register Your Security Camera with NOPD to Help Fight Crime

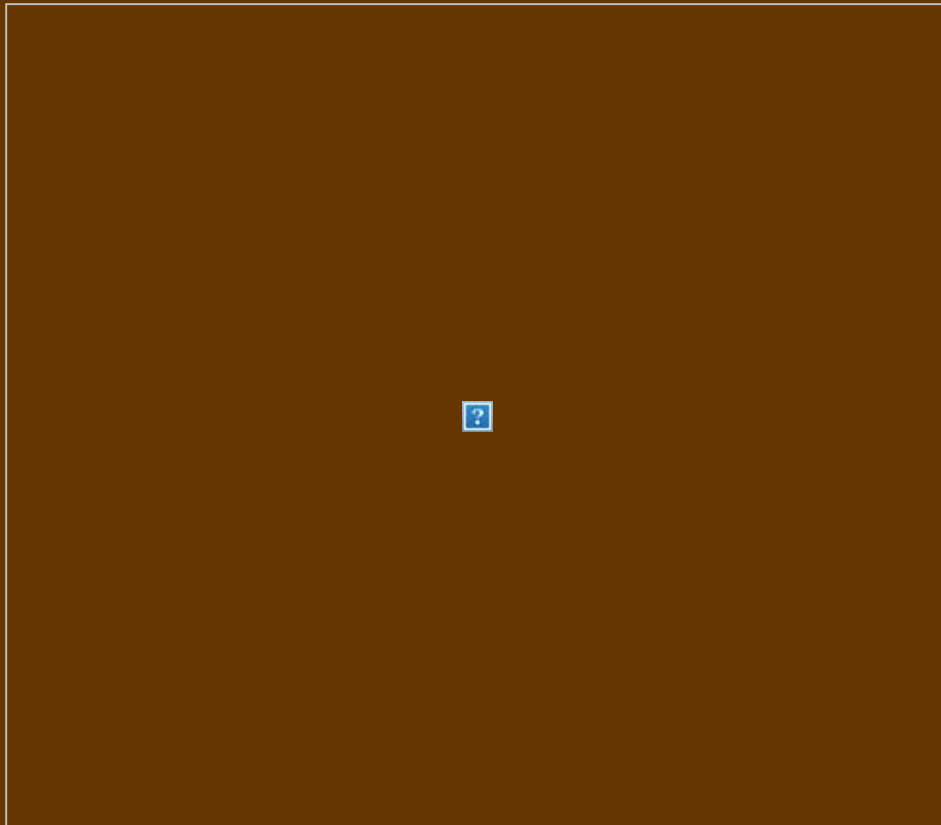
If you own a security camera in New Orleans, you can now register

it with NOPD to help detectives solve crimes in your neighborhood and provide strong evidence to put offenders away.

The New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation, in partnership with the NOPD, launched a new online service called Safecam NOLA. The program allows residents and business owners to register their security cameras with New Orleans Police. The SafecamNOLA project is an expansion of "Safecam8," which was an on-line program that Downtown residents and business owners in the Eighth Police District have been using for years to register their cameras with Eighth District police. The 1,302 8th District cameras that are in that system are now included in the citywide SafecamNOLA system.

Please visit [www.SafecamNOLA.com](http://www.SafecamNOLA.com) to enroll today.

## **RECYCLING BINS BEING DELIVERED DOWNTOWN**



In an effort to increase participation in the curbside recycling

program, the City of New Orleans has announced that citizens in Downtown New Orleans can now call 311 to request delivery of the blue recycling bins if their property is eligible for collection by the City.

Earlier this year, Mayor Mitch Landrieu announced the return of curbside recycling as a City service in the French Quarter and the Central Business District. Collection of recyclable materials takes place every Tuesday morning by Empire Services.

For more information visit [www.nola.gov](http://www.nola.gov).



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